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A.—(*a*) The Government do not find any necessity for the expert opinion suggested.

(*b*) Investigations have been made in 38 cases. It is left to the District Magistrate concerned to decide what the nature of the investigation should be according to the circumstances. The Government have no information as to the nature of the investigation in each case.

(*c*) & (*d*) A report has been received from the District Magistrate from which it appears prima facie that force in excess of the requirements of the situation was used in two cases. Some further information has been called for with a view to the taking of such disciplinary action as may be necessary.

Alleged beating of Mr. Vittappa Prabhu on 14th May 1932 at Mangalore.

* 254 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Vitappa Prabhu was beaten mercilessly by the police of Mangalore when he was in police custody and was being escorted by them from near the market to the police station on 4th May 1932;

(*b*) whether he is an in-patient in the Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore, and whether any certificate has been given to him by the District Medical Officer, Mangalore; if so, whether the hon. the Home Member will be pleased to place a copy of the same or a copy of a statement of the District Medical Officer showing the number of injuries and their nature on the table;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that he has about two fractures caused by the beating; and

(*d*) what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) It is reported that he was beaten by the police when being taken to the police station on 4th May 1932.

(*b*) He was discharged from the hospital on 25th May 1932. The Government are not aware of any certificate given to him by the District Medical Officer.

(*c*) There was no fracture.

(*d*) The question of the disciplinary action to be taken is under the consideration of the Government who have called for further information.

Alleged flogging of certain forest satyagrahis.

* 255 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 14 forest satyagrahis were sentenced to be flogged by the Joint Magistrate of Coondapur on 10th June 1932;